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SENATOR BURROWS: I think maybe President Varner, if he made those statements in that degree, was in some error that they could sell it for \$1. They can sell it at public auction the way I understand it and dispose of it in this manner, but to transfer it to another subdivision of government specific legislative approval is required. We are not in this mandating it, but authorizing it when you get into the law. We're just authorizing the Board of Regents to go ahead and transfer it.

SENATOR CLARK: But the University of Nebraska doesn't own it. The Foundation owns it as I understand it.

SENATOR BURROWS: The Foundation owns it, yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Which we have no control over.

SENATOR BURROWS: To a great degree you're correct.

SENATOR CLARK: So I just see no reason why we would do this at all, especially when he told us he could do anything he wanted to do with it as long as in the Foundation they had complete control of it. We had nothing to say about it, we did not authorize it in the first place. The fact is that we did not authorize the University get it, so the Foundation took it on their own. I can see no reason for our resolution. What we have to offer to anyone or even offer a consent to anyone....

SENATOR BURROWS: Well I cannot defend President Varner's statements or anything he said involving this back a year ago when it was accepted. I do know that presently they have it and they are entrapped. They could dispose of it by public auction, but they can't transfer it to another subdivision at no cost or at very nominal fees for this. They are in this predicament, regardless of what he might have said a year ago. My objective now is to solve the situation that exists regardless of statements that were made a year ago involved by any persons from the University and....

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. I'll agree with you. I can't understand his statements either, but I'm getting a little tired of him coming and making statements to us and then later we have to bail out the University or someone else for statements that were made that were absolutely erroneous. I'm certainly against the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dick Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I would like to direct a question or two to some people who might have the answers here. I think Senator Simpson is a member of the Appropriations Committee. He and I have visited about this very matter. Would you care to answer a question or two for me, Senator Simpson? My question is this, what percent of the total enrollment at the Southeastern area is going to come from those counties adjacent to Beatrice as opposed to how much is going to ... of your enrollment is going to be from the metropolitan area or the municipal area of Lincoln? Do you have any idea?